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INFO AMCONSUL BELFAST  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, EI  
SUBJECT: THREATENED AIRLINE AND TELEPHONE/TELEX STRIKES

1. IN CASE ADDRESSEES DO NOT HEAR FROM DUBLIN FOR SEVERAL DAYS, OR WEEKS, NOT TO WORRY\* LAST MINUTE EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY TO AVERT AN AER LINGUS PILOTS' STRIKE AND A TELEX/TELEPHONE STRIKE, BUT AT THE MOMENT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT BOTH STRIKES WILL GET UNDERWAY SHORTLY.

2. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT A P.AND T. STRIKE WOULD SERIOUSLY INTERFERE WITH EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS, BUT THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS AND WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING CONTINGENCIES INFORMALLY WITH AMEMBASSY LONDON. IN THE LAST SUCH STRIKE (FEB., 1976)  
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OUR MAIN COMMUNICATIONS AND ALL DIRECT DIAL IN-COUNTRY AND INTERNATIONAL CALLS OPERATED NORMALLY. HOWEVER, WE WOULD EXPECT OUR VISA, COMMERCIAL, AND USIA WIRELESS TELEXES TO BE INOPERABLE, AS THEY WERE IN 1976. LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL OPERATOR ASSISTED PHONE CALLS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED. ALREADY OUR COMMERCIAL TELEX HAS BEEN OUT FOR SEVERAL DAYS DUE TO AN UNOFFICIAL

STRIKE OF A FEW TELEX WORKERS. THE STRIKE MOTIVE IS A COMPLICATED INTERJURISDICTIONAL AND WORK-RULE AFFAIR, AND PRESENTS THE NEW GOVERNMENT WITH ITS FIRST MAJOR CRISIS. IF THE IRISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS AUTHORIZES THE PICKET, THE STRIKE WOULD PROBABLY COMMENCE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8.

3. THE AER LINGUS PILOT'S STRIKE IS STRICTLY ABOUT MONEY, AND THE PILOTS WHO HAVE HAD NO RAISE IN FIVE YEARS ARE IN NO MOOD FOR COMPROMISE. ALTHOUGH THE COMPANY WILL TRY TO MAINTAIN SOME FLIGHTS VIA CHARTERED AIRCRAFT, IN EFFECT THE IRISH NATIONAL AIRLINE WILL BE GROUNDED IF THE STRIKE GETS UNDERWAY AS SCHEDULED AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT (AUGUST 5), THUS SERIOUSLY AFFECTING THE ECONOMY IN THE HEIGHT OF THE TOURIST SEASON AND DISRUPTING MANY TRAVEL PLANS, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF CODELS. SHANNON

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